

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN STEVE VICK**, on January 18, 2001 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Steve Vick, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Matt McCann, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. John Brueggeman (R)  
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)  
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Bob Davies (R)  
Rep. Stanley Fisher (R)  
Rep. Dick Haines (R)  
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)  
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)  
Rep. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)  
Rep. Jeff Pattison (R)  
Rep. Art Peterson (R)  
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)  
Rep. John Witt (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Paula Broadhurst, Committee Secretary  
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 48 HB 206, 2/20/2001  
Executive Action: HB 41 HB 227 HB 109 HB 21 HB  
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**HEARING ON HB 206**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Christopher Harris, HD 30, Bozeman

**Proponents:**

**Opponents:**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**Rep. Christopher Harris, HD 30, Bozeman** opened the hearing on HB 206 which would allow bonus payments for teachers who earn doctorate.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

**Dave Senn, TRS** speaks to the committee as an informational witness. (This part of tape was recorded over.)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**Rep. Peterson** asked about the definition of doctorate.

**Dave Senn** clarified **Rep. Peterson's** question.

**Rep. Peterson** asked if it would be better to reward people who improve themselves rather than the concept of just a degree.

**Dave Senn** answered that he shares **Rep. Peterson's** premise.

**Rep. Buzzas** asked if in most districts if there is an increase, for PhDs also.

**Rep. Harris** answered that he believes there is a slight increase if they have an advanced degree.

**Dave Senn** stated that he personally likes the bill but that it is not one that the Teachers Retirement Board would advocate and that he is simply an informational witness.

**Rep. Jayne** asked what the salary is of a teacher who has a PhD?

**Rep. Harris** answered that there is no salary correlation to any advanced degree other than the step increase and that he does not know the exact amount. That it would depend on the individual teacher and the district.

**Rep. Fisher** asked if this would apply to a college professor.

**Rep. Harris** stated that this only applies to K-12.

**Rep. Vick** enquired if this same bill would give a bonus to a kindergarten teacher, and is it desirable for a kindergarten teacher to have a doctorate.

**Rep. Harris** answered that a PhD for a kindergarten teacher is not necessarily a bad thing and they might have earned their PhD in a very important area of teaching.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**Rep. Harris** closes on HB 206.

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**HEARING ON HB 48**

**Sponsor:** **Rep. Edith Clark**, HD 88, Sweetgrass

**Proponents:** None.

**Opponents:** None.

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**Rep. Clark** opened the hearing on HB 48 which is an appropriation to implement state contracting recommendations and is the result of a study from Senate Joint Resolution 9. **EXHIBIT(aph14a01)**  
**EXHIBIT(aph14a02)** **EXHIBIT(aph14a03)** **EXHIBIT(aph14a04)**  
**EXHIBIT(aph14a05)**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Witnesses:**

**Marvin Eicholtz**, Department of Administration stated that he is with **Sharon Vogel** and that they were involved with this interim

committee for the past two years. If the committee had any questions regarding the content he would be happy to answer.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**Rep. McCann** asked what this would cost per biennium?

**Rep. Clark** stated it is on the last sheet passed around.

**Rep. Vick** asked about the recommendation referring to a pilot program and the number one recommendation was to establish a pilot program for alternative procurement methods and does HB 48 take into account all ten of these? Are they all pilot programs?

**Rep. Clark** answered that this is in **Senate Bill 90** which is in the Senate, and that this would be an ongoing program.

**Rep. Vick** asked if the committee considered trying a pilot program in one area so there wouldn't be this cost of over \$400,000 associated with this program.

**Rep. Clark** stated that it was her intent when they did executive action to suggest such an idea.

**Rep. Lindeen** asked if the Department of Administration discussed including the cost of this study in their budget and if so, what was the discussion.

**Marvin Eicholtz** answered that when they were preparing their budget, a decision was made to leave the increase in the bill vs. sticking it in their budget and that was a decision made by the Budget Office.

**Rep. Lewis** asked what the current operating budget is for the Department of Administration.

**Marvin Eicholtz** answered that it is about half a million dollars and that for this biennium that would be a 40% increase.

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**Rep. McCann** asked Rep. Clark to explain in her closing why this is necessary.

**Rep. Tropila** asked how many FTE's are involved in HB 48.

**Rep. Clark** answered that there are 4.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

Rep. Clark closed the hearing on HB 48.

Chairman Vick explains executive action to the committee.

Motion: REP. MCCANN moved that HB 21 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. TROPILA moved that HB 21 BE AMENDED.  
**EXHIBIT** (aph14a06)

Discussion:

Taryn Purdy explains the amendments to the committee.

Vote: Rep. Tropila amendments passed unanimously 18-0.

Motion: REP. PATTISON moved that HB 21 BE AMENDED.  
**EXHIBIT** (aph14a07)

Discussion:

Reps. Tropila, McCann

Vote: Rep. Pattison amendment passed 12-6 with Reps. Buzzas, Kaufmann, Lindeen. Tropila and Jayne voting no.

Motion: REP. TROPILA moved that HB 21 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

Reps. Vick, Jayne, Pattison, Kaufmann, Buzzas, Lewis, Haines

Vote: HB 21 DPAA 13-5 with Reps. Lewis, Davies, Fisher, Kasten and Vick voting no.

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Motion: REP. WITT moved that HB 41 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. WITT moved that HB 41 BE AMENDED. **EXHIBIT** (aph14a08)

Taryn Purdy explains Rep. Witt's amendment.

Vote: Rep. Witt amendment passed unanimously 18-0.

Chairman Vick discussed HB 41 and having as few things as possible statutorily appropriated.

**Motion:** REP. VICK moved that HB 41 BE AMENDED by putting the statute back the way it was prior to HB 41.

**Discussion:**

**Reps. Witt, Buzzas, Taryn Purdy, Kaufmann**

**Vote:** Rep. Vick amendment passed 14-4 with Reps. Buzzas, Jayne, Kaufmann, Lindeen.

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**Taryn Purdy** gives explanation to the committee about the statutory appropriation for timber revenue.

**Discussion:**

**Reps. McCann, Vick, Tropila, Witt, Buzzas, Lewis, Haines**

**Motion:** REP. VICK moved that HB 41 BE AMENDED with a statute appropriation for timber revenue.

**Vote:** Rep. Vick amendment passed 15-3 with Reps. Buzzas, Jayne, Lindeen and Kauffman voting no.

**Motion:** REP. WITT moved that HB 41 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

**Discussion:**

**Reps. Buzzas, Lewis, Haines**

**Vote:** HB 41 DPAA with Rep. Buzzas voting no.

**Motion:** REP. TROPILA moved that HB 227 DO PASS.

**Motion:** REP. TROPILA moved that HB 227 BE AMENDED to statutorily increase silicosis benefits. **EXHIBIT**(aph14a09)

**Discussion:**

**Taryn Purdy** gives explanation of Tropila amendment.

**Vote:** Rep. Tropila amendment passed 17-1 with Rep. McCann voting no.

**Motion:** REP. TROPILA moved that HB 227 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

Tarny Purdy gives explanation.

Reps. Vick, Pattison.

Vote: HB 227 DPAA unanimously 18-0.

Motion: REP. MCCANN moved that HB 162 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Reps. Lewis, Buzzas

Motion: REP. LEWIS moved that HB 162 BE TABLED.

Vote: HB 162 is tabled with Reps. Buzzas, Callahan, haines, Jayne, Kaufmann and Tropila voting no.

Motion: REP. MCCANN moved that HB 163 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. BUZZAS moved that HB 163 BE AMENDED.

**EXHIBIT**(aph14a10)

Discussion:

Kathy Fabiano from OPI talked about the Buzzas amendment.

Taryn Purdy helps committee with explanation of HB 163 and its fiscal note.

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Reps. McCann, Vick, Buzzas, Witt

Vote: Rep. Buzzas amendment to HB 163 passed 15-3 with Reps. Clark, Kasten and Vick voting no.

Discussion:

Reps. Lewis, Pattison, Clark, Kauffman

Motion: REP. BUZZAS moved that HB 163 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

Reps. Buzzas, Haines, Vick, McCann

**Taryn Purdy** spoke to the committee on the current statute on OPI giving funds to school and if they change the bus schedule they need to do it in statute.

**Kathy Fabiano** stated that what **Taryn Purdy** is saying, is correct.

**Motion:** REP. MCCANN moved that **SUBSTITUTE HB 163 BE TABLED.**

**Vote:** HB 163 tabled 16-2 with Reps. Jayne and Kaufmann voting no.



**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:25 P.M.

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REP. STEVE VICK, Chairman

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PAULA BROADHURST, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (aph14aad)